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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 16, 2004 requesting clarification of the election made in response to the Office Action dated February 19, 2004 requesting Applicant to elect species and invention, Applicant hereby elects Invention I, Claims 1-8 and 10, and Species I, Figure 9, for prosecution on the merits, with traverse. Applicant requests that in the event a generic claim is held allowable, that the nonelected claims be considered for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (360) 750-9931 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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